

**Amendments to the Abstract**

Replace the abstract with the following replacement abstract:

A filter device for the depletion of the leukocyte content from blood products ~~including~~ includes two or more porous elements each made of one or more layers ~~or~~ of filtering materials.[[,]] ~~wherein said~~ The porous elements are arranged in the filter device according to decreasing hydrophilicity, from inlet to outlet, of the filtering material constituting ~~said~~ the elements.

For the examiner's convenience, a clean text version of the replacement abstract (53 words) is presented below:

A filter device for the depletion of the leukocyte content from blood products includes two or more porous elements each made of one or more layers of filtering materials. The porous elements are arranged in the filter device according to decreasing hydrophilicity, from inlet to outlet, of the filtering material constituting the elements.